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MEMORANDUM TO CHIEF, SECURITY BRANCH

SUBJECT: Counter-measures Against Use of Interrogation Aids
and Techniques

1. Our current research project into the use of the Polygraph has already indicated its effectiveness as an aid to interrogation. It is time that we should consider certain counter-measures against modern interrogation aids which might be used against us by an unfriendly nation in either peace or war. Specifically, these additional aids are drugs, hypnotism, or the use of the two together. Our immediate objective is to acquire such basic and authoritative information necessary to brief our people on the manner in which these techniques might be used against them and as to what defensive measures can be taken to combat them. This knowledge is imperative to either individuals who may be exposed to such methods themselves or to staffs who are responsible for the operations and security of persons in exposed positions.

2. Accordingly, it is desired that you initiate a project to study the current information and intelligence concerning these techniques and the possible defense against them.

3. The entire problem has been discussed with the Assistant Director, OSI who is in full accord with the importance of such counter-measures. Arrangements are being made for his further cooperation in the project.

4. I suggest that you ask [redacted] to take up this project.

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